

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A music piece data managing apparatus comprising:
 - a storage part for storing music piece data and management data associated therewith in a manner allowing additional writing;
 - a display part for displaying the management data stored in said storage part and displaying a message to prompt an input operation for instructing an order of reproduction of said music piece data;
 - a reproducing order generating part for forming reproducing order data to determine an order of reproduction of music pieces by correlating said input operation with said management data; and
 - a data transfer part for transferring said reproducing order data to another storage part outside said music piece data managing apparatus.
2. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reproducing order generating part rearranges said management data in accordance with the reproducing order of the music pieces and allocates edition numbers representing the order of reproduction to said management data, thereby forming the reproducing order data.

3. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said management data includes a music piece name of the music piece data, data indicative of attributes of said music piece, and a memory address indicative of a storing position of said music piece data in said storage part, and

said reproducing order generating part forms the reproducing order data for determining an order of reproduction of the music piece data with respect to each of said music piece names, attribute data, or said memory addresses based on said input operation.

4. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

said management data includes a music piece name of the music piece data, data indicative of attributes of said music piece, and a memory address indicative of a storing position of said music piece data in said storage part, and

said reproducing order generating part forms the reproducing order data for determining an order of reproduction of the music piece data with respect to each of said music piece names, attribute data, or said memory addresses based on said input operation.

5. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein

said reproducing order generating part generates said reproducing order data and adds additional writing data comprising the music piece data and the

management data associated therewith which have been additionally written onto said storage part to said formed reproducing order data, and

said data transfer part transfers the reproducing order data to which said additional writing data has been added to said another storage part.

6. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein a portable data recording medium is used as said another storage part.

7. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a portable data recording medium is used as said another storage part.

8. (Currently amended) An in-vehicle audio information reproducing apparatus comprising:

a storage part for storing music piece data and management data copied from a music piece data managing apparatus which stores the music piece data and the management data;

a transfer data reading part for reading reproducing order data transferred by a data transfer media, wherein the reproducing order data is generated by reordering the management data according to a selected order for playback of the music piece data; and

a reproduction control part for collating the reproducing order data read by said transfer data reading part with the management data stored in said storage part and controlling reproduction of the music piece data stored in said storage part based on the order of reproduction designated by said reproducing order data.

9. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein
when the reproducing order data to which additional writing data has been
added is read, said transfer data reading part notifies said storage part of said
reproducing order data, and

said storage part stores the music piece data included in said additional
writing data based on an address indicated by the management data included in said
additional writing data.

10. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 8 or 9, further comprising a
display part for displaying said reproducing order data read by said transfer data
reading part.

11. (Previously presented) An in-vehicle audio information reproducing
control system comprising the music piece data managing apparatus according to any
one of claims 1 to 4 and an in-vehicle audio information reproducing apparatus which
comprises:

a storage part for storing music piece data and management data copied
from a music piece data managing apparatus which stores the music piece data and the
management data;

a transfer data reading part for reading the reproducing order data
transferred to said another storage part; and

a reproduction control part for collating the reproducing order data read by
said transfer data reading part with the management data stored in said storage part

and controlling reproduction of the music piece data stored in said storage part based on the order of reproduction designated by said reproducing order data.

12. (Previously presented) An in-vehicle audio information reproduction control system comprising the music piece data managing apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4 and an in-vehicle audio information reproducing apparatus which comprises:

a storage part for storing music piece data and management data copied from a music piece data managing apparatus which stores the music piece data and the management data;

a transfer data reading part for reading the reproducing order data transferred to said another storage part; and

a reproduction control part for collating the reproducing order data read by said transfer data reading part with the management data stored in said storage part and controlling reproduction of the music piece data stored in said storage part based on the order of reproduction designated by said reproducing order data, wherein

when the reproducing order data to which additional writing data has been added is read, said transfer data reading part notifies said storage part of said reproducing order data, and

said storage part stores the music piece data included in said additional writing data based on an address indicated by the management data included in said additional writing data.

13. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reproducing order data is transferred to said another storage part by using a memory medium.

14. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reproducing order data is transferred to said another storage part by a connection between said another storage part and said music piece data managing apparatus.

15. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reproducing order data is transferred to said another storage part by using a radio wave apparatus.